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SUBJECT: **YARD 7 - CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A RETAINING WALL, GAURDRAIL, AND NEW WATER LINE ALONG ZURICH DRIVE IN THE LAKE GREGORY AREA**

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I have reviewed, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, the project description for the above referenced project (Project). The work involves constructing a small concrete retaining wall along the easterly edge of Zurich Drive to provide support to and shore up the existing roadway. A guardrail will be installed at the top of the wall. In the construction area, an existing 8-inch diameter water line under the east side of Zurich will be removed, and a new water line will be installed on the west side of Zurich Drive. The Project is scheduled for the Fiscal Year 2004/05. The estimated construction start date is August 2004, and the duration of construction is approximately four (4) weeks.

The Project location can be found on the San Bernardino North USGS quadrangle map (see attached). The Project area is bordered by residential housing and forest habitat. Although project-related impacts on protected/sensitive species or their associated habitat are not anticipated, a biological monitor should be on site during all aspects of construction.

The proposed work qualifies for a Categorical Class I Exemption under Section 15269 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines for emergency repairs necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare.

To complete the exemption process, I recommend that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

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